

Wisconsin governor tries to force Democrats' return

By Scott Bauer
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's governor threatened Thursday to issue thousands of layoff notices within 24 hours if Senate Democrats who fled to Illinois fail to return for a vote on a measure that would cripple public unions, and their Republican colleagues also stepped up the pressure by authorizing police to round up the missing lawmakers.

The efforts marked the most drastic steps in the standoff of more than two weeks, halting action on Gov. Scott Walker's plan to end most collective bargaining for state workers, which he says is critical to solving the state's budget crisis.

Walker said he will issue layoff notices to 1,500 state workers on Friday if his proposal, which would force the workers to pay more for benefits, isn't passed. Because the Senate Democrats left, the chamber doesn't have a quorum. While Walker said he is actively working with some of the Democrats in hopes of striking a deal, he said he won't compromise on the collective bargaining issue or anything that saves the state money.

"I can't take any of that off the table," he said. "We cannot tear apart this budget. We cannot put this bur-



Protesters wake up outside of the state Capitol on Thursday in Madison, Wis., after sleeping the night. Opponents to a bill to eliminate bargaining rights for many state workers are in their 16th day of protests.

den on local governments. But if there are other ways they are willing to work with us to find a path-way back, I think that's what people want."

The Republican leader of the state Senate signed orders finding the 14

AWOL Democrats in contempt and allowing police force to detain them if necessary. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says his orders are only binding should the senators return to Wisconsin. Senate Democrats disagreed with Fitzger-

ald about what's allowed under the chamber's rules.

"All 14 of us remain in Illinois, very strong in our convictions," Sen. Jon Erpenbach said in a statement. "Issuing arrest warrants ... isn't going to solve the problem."



A United Nations soldier jumps out of a truck after forces fired to disperse women protesting on Thursday in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Ivory Coast's military opens fire on protesters

By Rukmini Callimachi
The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Soldiers backing Ivory Coast's defiant leader mowed down women protesting his refusal to leave power in a hail of gunfire on Thursday, killing at least six and shocking a nation where women's marches have historically been used as a last resort against an unrestrained army. Because the president's securi-

ty force has shown almost no reserve in opening fire on unarmed civilians, the women decided to organize the march in the nation's commercial capital, assuming soldiers would not open fire.

The three-month old conflict has entered a new level of intensity. With each day, the regime of Laurent Gbagbo is proving it is willing to go to any length to stay in office following an election that international observers say he lost.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Fighting escalates in East Libya despite attempts at diplomacy

BREGA, Libya — Rebels reinforced a key oil port Thursday while facing new regime airstrikes in eastern Libya, and thousands of angry mourners buried victims of a counteroffensive by Moammar Gadhafi's forces, shooting guns in the air, shouting "Down with Gadhafi!" and swearing to take vengeance.

Although there have been stirrings of a diplomatic effort to ease the crisis, an opposition spokesman flatly ruled out any negotiations with Gadhafi, saying "his hands are tainted with blood."

President Barack Obama insisted that Gadhafi leave office, declaring he had "lost the legitimacy to lead."

He pledged to hold Gadhafi and his loyalists accountable, saying the U.S. and the entire world were outraged by violence against the rebels, and he lauded U.N. sanctions meant to put international pressure on the longtime ruler.

Signaling he was digging in, Gadhafi's regime apparently has stepped up its recruitment of mercenaries from other African countries, with an official in neighboring Mali saying that 200-300 men have left for Libya in the last week.

FBI finds proof that agent is alive despite vanishing in Iran in 2007

WASHINGTON — Four years after a retired FBI agent mysteriously vanished inside Iran, U.S. officials have received irrefutable proof he is alive, a dramatic development that has sharply intensified secret negotiations to bring him home.

The U.S. had lacked reliable information about whether Robert Levinson was alive or dead since he disappeared in March 2007 from the Iranian island of Kish. It remains unclear who exactly is holding Levinson or where he is, but the proof that he is alive is a hopeful sign in a case that had seemingly gone cold.

The State Department issued a three-sentence statement by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday saying there were indications Levinson was in southwest Asia and asking Iran for help.

Iran has repeatedly said it has no information about Levinson, but U.S. diplomats and investigators have long said they believed he was taken by Iranian government agents.

As years passed, many in the U.S. government believed the 63-year-old with diabetes and high blood pressure might have died. But late last year, Levinson's family received proof that he was alive. Investigators confirmed its authenticity and that it was recent, current and former officials said. Officials say they believe he is still alive.

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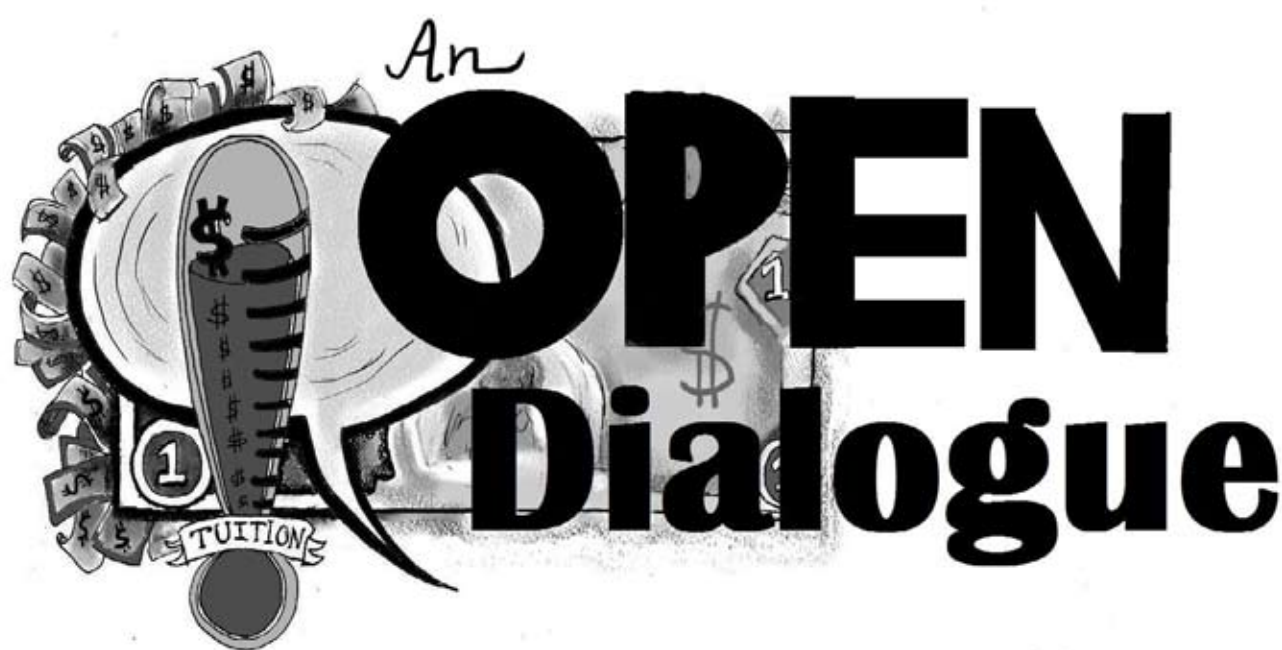
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Editor's note: This is the fifth installment in a six-part series about legislation that would affect students. We have asked campus leaders, students, faculty, politicians and administrators to weigh in on this week's topic of debate: a state-enacted tuition cap.

The question: Should the state enact a tuition cap?

**Rep. Jason Isaac, R-Dripping Springs,
author of HB 1515**

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, it is becoming more and more difficult for students to afford to attend college. Yet, a well educated workforce is crucial to the future success of our state.

I was lucky enough to be able to finance my college education through a combination of working hard and receiving various forms of financial aid. Had I not received that help, it would have been much more difficult for me to graduate. During a time when student grants are being cut, a temporary tuition freeze would help many college students stay in school.

House Bill 1515 would freeze tuition at the 2010-11 academic year levels for the next four school years, allowing current students and entering freshman to be confident about their financial ability to complete their degrees. I know that this will place a lot pressure on universities to maintain their quality of education without depending on money from increased tuition, but it's the same pressure that families and businesses across Texas are currently feeling. Our universities are working hard to make sure that the money they are allocated is spent efficiently and effectively, and I'm hopeful that through this legislation, students will benefit from those efforts.

**Scott Parks,
Business honors and urban studies senior**

Two bills currently filed in the Texas House of Representatives would essentially create a cap on tuition costs for the next four years. While this cap would clearly ensure that the cost of a UT student's education would remain affordable through these tough economic times, I worry that UT as an institution would suffer and that this would also create a bad precedent for future tuition-setting decisions. First, tuition and state general revenue make up roughly 40 percent of UT's funding. With state general revenue set to decrease steeply this session and probably the next, a tuition cap would leave UT stranded with few reliable funding sources to turn to. We would likely have to substantially decrease the quality of education offered at UT, and that would be a mistake for Texas. Second, I still support the original intent of the Legislature in allowing the Board of Regents to set tuition; our regents have a more thorough working knowledge of UT institutions and thus are better situated to set tuition costs. I trust that the regents will continue to set tuition at responsible rates to ensure UT's ability to offer an affordable and excellent education to the top students of Texas.

**Justin May,
College Republicans president**

As our state begins to tighten its fiscal belt this session, so will our school. In fact, the future looks bleak for anyone who was looking for in-state tuition to go down or for financial aid funding to go up. With that in mind, I find it commendable that East Texas freshman legislator James White is attempting to help students out with the introduction of HB 459. If passed, the legislation would require all public institutions of higher education to charge students during 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years the same as if they had been enrolled during the 2010-11 academic year.

Upon deeper consideration, however, the fact that the bill freezes the amount of income for the University without either accounting for inflation or supporting the institutions with a matching commitment with state funds is very unsettling. Unless the state government once again becomes the primary source of income for universities such as our own, it would be detrimental to bind the hands of higher education. These institutions ought to be either fully regulated and supported by the state or they should be able to set their tuition at rates which allow them to offer students the best education possible.

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What's your opinion on the tuition cap bill? E-mail us at firingline@dailytexanonline.com

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"Tuition must be affordable. Public four-year university tuition increasing four and five times the rate of inflation is not fiscally responsible, it is not conservative, it is not respectful, and it is not acceptable for Texans."

— Rep. James White, R-Woodville, according to his website.

"At the minimum, this bill would tell the Board of Regents, legislators and higher education administrators to really sober up and think about their tuition hikes."

— Rep. White advocating for a tuition cap, according to the Texas Independent.

"The Texas Legislature has no other option but to consider freezing tuition costs and investigating university executive pay."

— Rep. White discussing the rising cost of higher education, according to his website.

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I will fight for my right to text message in class

**By Jonathan Rienstra
Daily Texan Columnist**

First, they came for the smokers, but I did not cry out, because I was not a smoker. Then, they came thrusting pamphlets in peoples' faces, but I ignored them because I wear sunglasses. But so help me God, if Student Government comes after my beloved texting in class, I will write a very angry column about it and some people will read it.

But, this is not that angry column — this is a sharing column. Today, we're going to share all the guilt that we, the students, build up inside every time we text in class (TIC). According to a new study conducted at the University of New Hampshire, out of 1,043 students questioned, 49 percent of students felt guilty about texting in class, but 65 percent texted about one time each class.

That's a lot of TICs added up over time. And that guilt, sliver by sliver, has been stacking up in our minds. It's probably only a matter of time before some student experiences her tell-tale heart moment the next time in class. She'll stand up and confess to the teacher that she texted, and then

she'll pray to not be banished from the room. It will be awkward.

But guilt might not be a terrible thing, so long as we try to make up for it. I'm a big fan of the buddy system. Any time you're in class and you feel a little sheepish about reading that text from Katy, just text your sponsor and schedule a meeting time to talk about it after class.

Now, it is possible that the data in this study might be skewed. It was pointed out that business students TIC more than other students, but I don't think trading futures technically counts as texting, just extra credit. American studies professor Jeff Meikle has a no texting policy in his classes, but he understands why students put up with the crushing

guilt of emoticons.

"People can't help themselves," he said. "It's like a nervous tic — we have to keep checking things. I'm sure if I were a student I'd do it."

Meikle also mentioned that he has seen his share of TIMs, or texting in meetings. "In a faculty meeting, someone can say something about

all the students texting in class while three of my colleagues are texting away in the meeting."

Unfortunately, the data on guilt and TIMs is not substantial enough to note that tenured professors were twice as likely to TIM and presumably without any guilt.

It is unlikely that SG would try to ban texting in class. You might be able to sneak through leg-

islation when smokers are on a cig break, but texters will put up a fight. After all, we put up with the guilt every time we push send, and that's without nicotine. We will fight you, and we will be well organized because we have unlimited mass texting.

Or maybe we won't. The study also mentions that only 40 percent of students thought that texting should be allowed. Nearly as many students, 37 percent, thought texting should be banned. Essentially, some students are apologetic but just can't help themselves from TIC-ing. Then there's the 23 percent of students who were undecided because they were reading a hilarious text from their friend Rich when researchers asked them the question.

Student Government, keep your fliers and nicotine gum; I don't want them. I feel bad enough as it is whenever I pull my phone out in class, but I will feel even worse if I have to mess y'all up for taking away my right to feel guilty. That's a right that every student is entitled to, whether they want it or not.

Rienstra is a journalism junior.



Lizzie Chen | Daily Texan Staff
President of Engineers for a Sustainable World Zachary Wilhoit discusses the importance of solar power to people at the 2011 Sustainability Fair.

Fair showcases efforts for greener campus

University organizations discuss sustainable food, reducing chemical waste

By Jake Hong
Daily Texan Staff

Students and staff showed off their green expertise at the second annual Sustainability Fair on Thursday. About 12 organizations, including the Department of Housing and Food Service, showcased different programs to demonstrate how UT is moving forward with environmental initiatives. DHFS presented its commitment to environmentally friendly cleaning, which includes the use of Green Seal certification cleaning chemicals and microfiber mops and rags,

which are more absorbent. The greener cleaning practices have reduced water use by 80 percent and required less frequent mop and rag replacement, said DHFS environmental specialist Meagan Jones said. DHFS also presented its new sustainable food program, which has provided organic food for the Kinsolving Dining Center on Saturday nights since June 2010. The department also maintains three organic food plots at the UT Community Garden, and representatives said they hope to begin an organic food plot at Jester Center. “We’re just excited about getting the program started,” said Scott Meyer, DHFS associate director. “Part of our mission is to educate the students about the project, and that’s what we’re excited about.”

While DHFS described its contribution to student living, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety presented its plan to promote responsible laboratory maintenance. They are promoting safer chemical disposal through a program called Green Laboratory Practices, said Carin Peterson, office training and outreach coordinator. The program is trying to get 30 campus labs involved by May 6, she said. “We’re trying to reduce our hazardous chemical waste stream,” Peterson said. “The labs involved are helping us out. It is our main initiative at the moment.” Students groups, such as the Engineers for a Sustainable World, put their own spin on sustainability at the fair. The organization showcased its recycling initiatives

and a program that would allow the University to reuse rainwater, such as watering the UT Community Garden. While UT already has a recycling program, the campus is not recycling enough glass, said Daniel Huang, a chemical engineering freshman who represents the group in the Student Engineering Council. “You see paper, you see plastic, you see compost, but you don’t see glass,” Huang said. Electrical engineering sophomore Richard Edwards, the council’s vice president of membership, said sustainability is an important facet of all academic disciplines. “Sustainability is not just an engineering thing but a universal thing,” Edwards said. “Sustainability would be encompassed in all majors because it applies to everybody.”

Study finds prestige not factor in success for college graduates

By Joe Layton
Daily Texan Staff

Attending a more selective college does not lead to higher earnings for the average student, according to a recent study by Princeton researchers.

Students who apply to, and are accepted by, elite schools are likely to be high-achievers, said Stacy Dale, an economist at research institute Mathematica who worked on the study. High-achieving students are likely to have high earnings regardless of where they go to school, Dale said.

“In a certain range, it doesn’t matter where you go when comparing a moderately selective school to a highly selective school,” Dale said. “Based on the information we have, we can’t determine the wage benefit of a highly selective school to a less selective school.”

The study was limited to information available from the College and Beyond Survey. The 27 schools examined in the study included Georgetown University, Miami University of Ohio, Wellesley College and several Ivy League schools.

The study is an update of a Princeton study from 1989 that reached similar conclusions. However, college applicants still think strategically about how a university’s name and brand will impact their career options, according to the study. “UT has a better reputation and

is more prestigious [than UT-San Antonio],” said Sharjeel Momin, an undeclared sophomore who transferred from UT-San Antonio in Fall 2010. “I’ve heard good things about the career center, that a lot of big companies come here to recruit. Essentially, I have a better chance of getting a better job graduating from UT.”

Wage earnings after graduation are influenced more by the average SAT scores of the most selective university a student applied to rather than the school they actually graduate from, Dale said.

Although attending a more selective college doesn’t seem to lead to higher earnings for the average student, students who come from minority groups or families with

less parental education do seem to benefit from job-networking opportunities that become available from attending a more selective school, according to the study.

Under state law, UT automatically admits applicants in approximately the top 8 percent of their high school graduating class, according to the admissions office.

“It’s hard to tell if this makes us more or less selective because we can only use one metric,” said Augustine Garza, deputy director of admissions. “We have no control over a large percentage of the students admitted to the University, but the rest, we can use more of a holistic approach to evaluate.”

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—Stacy Dale, Economist

82ND LEGISLATURE

Proposed sonogram law passes Texas House

By Jay Root
The Associated Press

Democrats used procedural rules, dozens of amendments and lengthy debates Thursday but failed to stop a measure requiring women in Texas to get a sonogram before ending a pregnancy, part of a nationwide push by Republicans and conservative activists to restrict abortion rights. A vote in the Texas House to move the bill through the amendment phase succeeded on a 103-42 vote. All that remains is a simple procedural vote in that chamber, which is expected next week. Gov. Rick Perry has made the proposed law a legislative “emergency,” and passage in the Texas House, where Republicans hold 101 of 150

seats, is all but certain. It would require many women who want an abortion — even victims of sexual assault — to have an ultrasound probe inserted into their uterus at least 24 hours before the procedure. The method is used in early pregnancies, generally 10 weeks or less, opponents said. State Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, carried an ultrasound wand onto the House floor during a debate Wednesday and in the debate on Thursday described in detail how it is used. Another amendment designed to exempt victims of rape or incest from undergoing the sonogram went down on a 97-49 vote. In a sign of trouble to come, the House also rejected a substitute bill that would have matched a less strin-

gent version already passed in the Senate. The two versions of the bill must be reconciled before going to Perry for his signature. Bill author Sid Miller, a GOP representative from central Texas, says women wanting an abortion must undergo the sonogram but could look away from the image and wear headphones to avoid hearing the heartbeat. Doctors who did not perform a sonogram before providing an abortion would lose their medical licenses. The legislation is part of a push by Republicans across the nation, emboldened by their 2010 election gains, to enact abortion restrictions favored by their conservative base. The sonogram bill is the first substantive legislation to hit the House floor.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
No. 7 TEXAS at BAYLOR

Sophomore Jordan Hamilton has been in a recent shooting slump, but the Longhorns hope he can get back on track before the NCAA Tournament begins.



Derek Stout
Daily Texan Staff

Texas can rebound from losses with win over Baylor on Saturday

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

A string of conference losses, a shaky national reputation, a prolific player in a scoring slump — any of this sound familiar? The Longhorns are a long way off from their meltdown in 2010, when they didn't make it past the second round of the Big 12 tournament and lost to Wake Forest in the first game of the NCAAs. But it is a reminder of the other side of success. At 12-3, Texas is second in the Big 12, a distant second behind Kansas, which pulled away from Texas A&M on Wednesday to remain in sole possession of the top spot. The only remaining game for the league leaders



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is versus Missouri, which the Jayhawks are 8-1 against since February 2006. That means for Texas, the road to a high NCAA tournament seed runs through Waco and Kansas City. The Big 12 tournament begins in Kansas

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Longhorns suddenly in slump, need to iron out a few problems

 **By Dan Hurwitz**
Daily Texan Columnist

Every chance Rick Barnes and his team had, they said that they can still get better. That was two weeks ago. The Longhorns were on an 11-game winning streak in which they were blowing out opponents. They were No. 2 in the nation and what seemed like a lock for a Big 12 championship and top seed in the NCAA tournament. At the time, it was difficult to believe that Texas could get much better. Now, it's pretty obvious.

The Longhorns have lost three out of their last four games. They will likely fall out of the top 10 when the new polls are released on Monday. They are now the team needing help from others to try to claim a Big 12 championship. And their easy road to the Final Four has become difficult. Luckily for the Longhorns, there is no BCS that determines the best team in the country. Texas will be in the NCAA tournament, and it should have a favorable road. But can it take advantage of its opportunity and return to its impressive play from what seems like months ago? Well, it depends.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEXAS at OKLAHOMA STATE
Horns know importance of final game against 'Pokes

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

There is no doubt about it. The Texas women's basketball team (17-11, 7-8) wants its fate to be in its own hands. "This next game is one of our most important," said junior post Ashley Gayle. "If we lose, we might be leaving our tournament selection bid in someone else's hands. The stakes are high." Gayle, who is coming off one of her best offensive performances of the season, said that Texas will go to Stillwater to take on the Oklahoma State Cowgirls (15-13, 3-12) with a "do-or-die" attitude. "Coach [Gail Goestenkors] has been stressing the importance of this game," she said. "Our practices have to be just as intense as our games, and we have a big responsibility to make sure we execute. We just need to make sure we play our style of game." On Wednesday night Gayle scored 14 points and posted three blocks to move her season total to 104, setting the Texas single-season record — a record which she wrote her sophomore year. It helps that it was the first time in three games that she wasn't in foul trouble. "I think that this year for me has kind of been up and down," she said.

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BASEBALL
No. 9 STANFORD at No. 6 TEXAS

Stanford series will be a measuring stick



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By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

The number of wins a team has is a useful barometer for determining how good that team is. Another way is to look at how many wins against quality opponents that team has. Texas can appease both methods this weekend with a series win over visiting No. 9 Stanford. Stanford shares the same record as Texas, with both at 5-3 overall, but the Cardinal has already played several ranked opponents,



Junior short-stop Brandon Loy and the Longhorns face a tough test this weekend against No. 9 Stanford.

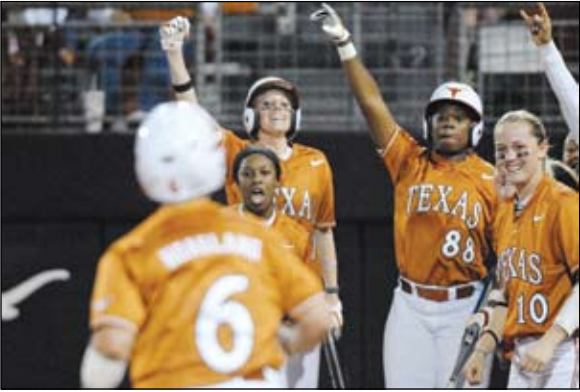
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while Texas has not. Stanford beat California after winning a series with Rice and took one game from Vanderbilt after falling in one-run games to open the series in Nashville. The Longhorns know it will be a tough weekend but also know they can't get away from what they

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SOFTBALL
No. 12 TEXAS at LSU Purple & Gold Challenge

Record-setting Hoagland leads team into Louisiana



Daily Texan file photo

Sophomore Taylor Hoagland broke the Big 12 record for consecutive hits last weekend with 26.

By Sarah Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Taylor Hoagland, a sophomore right fielder from Flower Mound, Texas, rewrote the Big 12 record books last weekend. During the Cathedral City Classic in Southern California, she broke the record for longest hitting streak previously held by Nebraska's Anne Steffan at 25 games. Hoagland's single against the Long Island Blackbirds brought her hitting streak to 25 games and another single versus the Loyola Marymount Lions that same day set the new bar at 26. "It's a great accomplishment," said

teammate Nadia Taylor. "Anything you can break in the Big 12 sounds of a great player." It's not common for a hitter to have a batting average at .481, but Hoagland makes it look easy and many fans have come to expect something spectacular each time she steps into the batter's box. "I've been working through some things this season," Hoagland said. "It may look natural, but there's a lot of work that gets put into it." The new record for this versatile

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NFL, Players Association agree to prolong labor talks

The NFL and the Players Association agreed yesterday to extend the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement until tonight at 11:59 p.m. The current CBA was set to expire at midnight on Thursday, which would have probably led to the first work stoppage in the NFL since 1997. President Barack Obama has publicly stated that he will not intervene. "I've got a lot of other stuff to do," President Obama said. —Trey Scott

Baseball America Rankings

1	Florida
2	Vanderbilt
3	Oklahoma
4	South Carolina
5	UCLA
6	Texas
7	Cal State Fullerton
8	TCU
9	Stanford
10	Arizona State

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“I may have lost my confidence during the middle of conference play, but it all finally clicked Wednesday. [Assistant coach Ronald Hughey] has been working me hard in practice, and has helped my game a lot.”

Better late than never. She said that to emulate Wednesday’s success, she will need to micromanage the finer points of her game.

“For Saturday’s game, it’s the little things that really count, and if I can focus on that, the rest of my game will open up,” Gayle said.

The Cowgirls are one of the conference’s worst teams. They sit second to last in the Big 12, but Gayle said that overlooking a trap game would be costly. For her, this game is going to be more about what Texas can do best, not on how to stop Oklahoma State’s strengths.

“I think they have great guards who can really push the ball,” she said. “But most importantly, we have to focus on our game. Lately we’ve

been too concerned with what other teams are doing, but after the past few losses, we need to focus more on what we’re doing.”

Though they are in the bottom of the conference, their statistics would suggest otherwise. The Cowgirls are sixth in the league in terms of scoring offense and defense. Texas, on the other hand, is dead last in scoring defense. Texas makes up for their defensive woes with their potent offense, the fourth-best in the league.

But as every Big 12 coach will say, there is no tougher team in women’s college basketball. If the Longhorns plan on stretching their season, the momentum from a victory Saturday just may be the ticket they need to make that happen.

Texas at Oklahoma State

Date: Saturday

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Gallagher-Iba Arena (Stillwater, Okla.)



Texas junior Ashley Gayle was a force Wednesday against Texas Tech with 14 points and three blocks.

Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

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City next week, but first, the Longhorns travel to face Baylor in the Ferrell Center. They haven’t won there since the beginning of the 2009 season.

Even if it loses, Texas is in no danger of dropping its No. 2 ranking in the Big 12 and its first-round conference tournament bye. But a defeat versus Baylor, which dropped out of the national rankings in week eight, would seriously damage the Longhorns’ national tournament resume.

Of course, not everyone is convinced it’s a do-or-die scenario this weekend.

“I don’t care what anybody thinks in terms of trusting Texas,” said Texas swingman Jordan Ham-

ilton on Monday night.

Trusting Texas may be the least of concerns for Hamilton, who’s averaged 17.6 points in the past five games. Not a bad average, but off his clip from earlier in the year.

Tristan Thompson has been on the upswing, scoring 16 against Colorado and a season-high 26 versus K-State. That’s a good sign in preparation for the tall, long frontcourt of the Bears.

Baylor also has the conference’s No. 2 scorer, LaceDarius Dunn. Dunn is known as a jump shooter and put up 26 against Texas the last time around on Feb. 12.

That game, a 69-60 win for Texas, was the Longhorns’ closest game of the Big 12 season up

to that point. Since then, they’ve gone 2-3 and slipped out of the top five in The Associated Press poll. A loss on Saturday, which would mean a winless final week of the regular season, could see them drop even further.

“I’m concerned about the way we are playing basketball,” said Texas coach Rick Barnes on Monday. “We are better than what we are playing.”

Texas has fallen from the best scoring defense in the Big 12 to third while remaining outside the top two in scoring offense. Baylor is fourth in scoring defense.

“Some of the breakdowns are baffling, to be honest with you,” Barnes said.

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It depends on Jordan Hamilton. Hamilton has shot 15-58 from the field in the Longhorns three Big 12 losses. That’s not going to get the job done.

“We just have to make shots,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton has at times gone back to his freshman ways in taking wild shots. J’Covan Brown has been guilty of doing the same.

It depends on the mentality. The Longhorns will be coming off four days of rest before playing Baylor on Saturday. Cory Joseph admitted after the loss to Kansas State that not everyone had been there mentally for the entire game.

Baylor took advantage of Texas’ inability to play a complete game

and gave the Longhorns a late scare when they first met in Austin on Feb. 12.

This time, the Bears, like Colorado and Nebraska, are in a must-win situation. Baylor is another one of those teams that could use a win against a top-10 opponent to boost its resume and possibly squeeze into the Field of 68.

And it depends on defense. “We just gotta come in and play Texas basketball, and we’ll be all right,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton is referring to the Texas basketball that shuts down opponents. Not the one that has allowed 78 points per game in the recent losses. Not the one that has been slow to rotate and help out

when an opposing player gets by. And not the team that gets pushed around by big men.

Fortunately for Texas, championships are won in March (and the first week of April). What happened in February is in the past. It doesn’t matter that the last two times on the road, the fans have stormed the court. Whatever cold streak a shooter is on, is old news. If there is ever a time for a team to start getting hot, it’s now.

Let the madness begin.

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“They’re a pretty solid club with a lot of live arms, and they can hit the ball a little bit too,” said junior pitcher Sam Stafford, who will likely start Sunday’s game. “[But] we never try to focus too much on an individual hitter or team. We try to execute our game plan. If we can do that, chances are it’s going to come out in our favor.”

The Longhorns are fresh off a 2-1 series win over Hawaii, where they overcame all the distractions Oahu had to offer.

“I like the team’s attitude, and that’s always the most important thing, especially early,” said Texas coach Augie Garrido. “The temptations and the choices they had to make were part of why we went — to see what would happen. All of them made good choices, and we played our game.”

Taylor Jungmann will take the mound this afternoon in game one, which bodes well for the Longhorns, who are 18-0 at home when Jungmann starts. The junior is pitching as well as anyone in the country, after becoming the first pitcher in school history to open the season with consecutive nine-inning, complete-game shutouts.

Stanford has good pitching too but different than the heavy strike-out count of Jungmann. No Cardinal pitcher has more than 11 strikeouts or more than 11 innings on the season. Texas should be able to get balls into play this weekend and will look to score runs early to put the Stanford starters in early holes.

“We just need to play how we’ve been playing,” said Texas sophomore outfielder Cohl Walla. “There’s a lot of things we need to work on, but that’s like with everyone around the country. It’s early on in the season.”

One of those things Texas needs to improve is its base running. The Longhorns have stolen only six bases this season, which limits the amount of runners they have in scoring position.

“Once we get on, we’re relying too much on bunting and hit and runs,” Walla said. “We need to be stealing and grabbing those bags while we can.”

The Longhorns played in a hostile environment last week in Hawaii and will look to build on the poise they showed.

“We tried to run with momentum a lot in Hawaii,” Stafford said. “We came in there and played our game and were able to steal the momentum for most of the weekend. Here, with home field advantage and our great fans, hopefully we’ll be able to do the same thing.”

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hitter doesn’t really surprise head coach Connie Clark. Out of 74 career collegiate games, Hoagland has produced a hit in 63 of them.

“There was a bit of excitement and sense of relief when she got over on first base and broke the record,” Clark said. “We’re excited for her. She’s just an amazing athlete and an amazing package. She’s a great student and a super young lady. I couldn’t be any more excited for someone to represent that record tremendously well.”

The Longhorns as a whole are

aware of her success and have even gone so far as to make a game out of it. During batting practice down time, the team tries to see how far Hoagland can hit. The rumor going around the dugout is that one shot found its way into the back parking lot at McCombs Field, a distance of around 500 feet.

“It’s just having fun really,” Hoagland admitted. “It’s nice to know you can both launch a ball 500 feet and drop a bunt.”

Unfortunately, Hoagland’s streak ended at 26 when she wasn’t

able to register a hit during the game against Massachusetts that same weekend. However, there are still many games left in the season, and though it may not be her primary agenda, it’s constantly in the back of her mind.

“The record is great,” Hoagland said. “But you just got to keep going on. It never stops, and when it does, you just got to get back on the horse and get back to it.”

The Longhorns will be spending Mardi Gras weekend in Baton Rouge, where they will face LSU, Hofstra and Pittsburgh at the LSU

Purple and Gold Challenge that begins Friday afternoon. Louisiana State is the only one of those teams in the top 25 at No. 21 with a record of 12-5.

“We’re going to see some pretty good competition in Louisiana,” Hoagland said. “We’re excited about that.”

No. 12 Texas at No. 21 LSU

Date: Sunday

Place: Tiger Park (Baton Rouge, La.)

Rangers’ Neftali Feliz making transition from closer to starter

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Neftali Feliz is starting to see what it will take to be a starter.

The AL Rookie of the Year pitched two scoreless innings in his bid to become part of the Texas rotation, and a Rangers split squad beat the Cleveland Indians 11-9 Thursday.

Feliz, who posted 40 saves last season for the AL champions, allowed two hits, walked one and hit a batter. He threw 19 of his 36 pitches for strikes.

“I feel fine. I need to find my pace so I can go longer,” he said through a translator. “I don’t know how hard to go so that I can go longer.”

The hard-throwing closer walked

Asdrubal Cabrera, the game’s second hitter, and grazed Carlos Santana’s jersey with a pitch before working himself out of trouble in what became a 26-pitch inning.

In the second, Feliz allowed consecutive singles to Jason Donald and Jordan Brown but retired Cord Phelps on a fly ball. Feliz induced Lou Marson to ground into an inning-ending double play.

“In the second inning I needed to locate better so I needed to take something off,” he said.

Feliz relied heavily on his fastball in his second inning.

“I just felt like I fell behind on the first few batters,” Feliz said. “I used

the fastball to get ahead and then I went back to the other pitches.”

Rangers manager Ron Washington said he wouldn’t expect Feliz to do anything else.

“We’re not going to turn him into a breaking ball pitcher,” Washington said.

Indians starter Mitch Talbot gave up a home run to Ian Kinsler on his second pitch, a drive that bounced off the top of the left-field fence and into the Cleveland bullpen for his third homer and second in as many days.

Talbot, who won 10 games as a rookie and already is slotted into the Cleveland rotation, went two

innings. He gave up two runs, four hits and a walk.

“Kinsler’s was below his knees and sinking pretty good but he’s a very good low-ball hitter. That’s kind of what he’s known for,” Talbot said. “He just got it and got it up in the air, and that’s a good thing to do here in Arizona.”

Chris Davis capped the Rangers’ three-run ninth inning with a two-run, game-ending homer.

Matt LaPorta had a pinch-hit grand slam to highlight the Indians’ seven-run seventh inning. Erik Morrison homered in the sixth for the Rangers.

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WEEKEND PREVIEW

ROWING

Texas looks to stay hot at Heart of Texas Regatta

By Blake McAdow
Daily Texan Staff

There is little to no home-field advantage in rowing. Water conditions always differ, fans are far removed from the competitors and coaches don't have easy access to their teams.

But Texas heads into this Saturday's Heart of Texas Regatta looking to defend its hometown and home territory.

Texas swept the top five spots in its first event of the spring at The Fighting Nutria here in Austin earlier this month.

"There's no advantage. [Lady Bird Lake] is known for being a very fair course," said Texas head coach Carrie Graves. "Two people stop the dams so there's no flowage. There's still water, so there's no advantage."

The Heart of Texas boasts similar competition, but this race is much different and can help the Longhorns prepare for the remainder of the spring. Compared to the

Texas at Heart of Texas
When: Saturday
Place: Lady Bird Lake
(Austin, Texas)

8,100-meter head-style race at the Nutria, the Heart of Texas Regatta is a 1,000-meter sprint to the finish.

While most events in the fall follow the head format, spring races are traditionally sprints, including the NCAA championships in May.

The Austin Rowing Club hosts the Heart of Texas at Lady Bird Lake for the 29th consecutive year, an event that has grown to a regatta of more than 700 boats and 1,100 rowers. Most of the competition includes local clubs and crews, including the club team Texas Crew and other smaller universities in the Southwest.

The Heart of Texas offers racing for a variety of boats: fours,



The Longhorns found success in last year's Heart of Texas Regatta with four victories. They hope for the same results this weekend.

Lauren Gerson
Daily Texan file photo

eights, pairs and singles. This is a good chance for the Longhorns to evaluate how rowers compete in varied events and groupings as it takes time to find the right lineup of rowers that work best together.

As the season stretches into

full-swing sprint races, the level of competition will intensify as well. Texas takes on Old Dominion for its first NCAA Division I competition of 2011 in Austin on March 12. Just like in a race, the season must be paced and peak at

the right time.

"You want to make sure that they stay fresh and eager," Graves said. "What every team needs to improve on is to maintain their focus."

In last year's Heart of Texas Re-

gatta, Texas posted four victories between its varsity and novice boats. The top varsity eight-woman boat cruised to a winning time of 3 minutes, 15.61 seconds, and Texas was able to take a lot away from the event.

WOMEN'S TRACK

As regular season nears end, it's now or never for Horns

By Julie Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

This weekend, the Longhorns will participate in a trio of last-chance meets — the final opportunity for athletes to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. The team will divide its runners between Arkansas, Iowa State and Notre Dame this Friday and Saturday.

The NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held March 11 and 12 in College Station. Individual Longhorns including junior Mia Behm (5,000 meter) and senior Chantel Malone (long jump) have already qualified for the championship meet. Freshman Briana Nelson qualified in the 400-meter just last weekend at the Big 12 Championships.

Texas has also already qualified for the 4-by-400-meter relay. The relay team, including Nelson, junior Stacey-Ann Smith, Malone and junior Kendra Chambers, qualified with a

time of 3 minutes, 32.89 seconds at the Big 12 meet.

Notre Dame will host the Alex Wilson Invitational on Friday at the Loftus Sports Center in Notre Dame, Ind. The meet commences with the women's weight throw at 5 p.m.

Big 12 teams including Missouri, Kansas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Oklahoma will all participate in the Iowa State meet.

The Longhorns found individual success at the Big 12 meet but finished in a disappointing third place. Head coach Beverly Kearney said the trials of the Big 12 competition helped her team find themselves.

"We came in here with a lot of young people. They had no idea what the intensity is all about," Kearney said. "Today they know."

Texas at Last Chance Mets
Date: Fri. - Sat.
Where: South Bend, Ind./ Fayetteville, Ark.

MEN'S TRACK

By Chris Medina
Daily Texan Staff

After a disappointing finish in the Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Championships, the 10th-ranked Longhorns split up for a pair of last-chance meets where they will have their final opportunities to qualify for the NCAAs.

Some of the men will compete in South Bend at the Notre Dame meet while the others will head to Fayetteville for a meet at Arkansas.

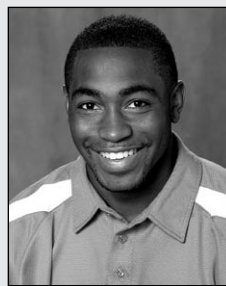
Annually, the NCAA takes the top 15 finishers nationally for every event at the championships, give or take some because of technicalities that either expand or narrow the

selection from 14 to 18 athletes.

This year, the NCAA will make its selection announcements March 15 at 5 p.m.

Eight Longhorns have a shot at qualifying for the NCAA meet, including D.J. Monroe and Trevante Rhodes, ranked No. 16 and No. 17, respectively.

The pressure is on for the Texas upperclassmen as well. Senior Andre Thomas sits at No. 18 in 400-meter nationally, and junior Brian Rhodes-Devey at No.



D.J. Monroe

20 in the mile. The technicalities could help Thomas if he performs well at his last-chance meet while Rhodes-Devey has an outside shot of qualifying.

The young athletes are also trying to make the cut for their first shot at the national meet. Freshmen on the edge include Jake Wohlford at No. 15 in the heptathlon, Mike Quercia at No. 20 in the 800-meter and CJ Jessett, who is the 17th-ranked collegiate mile runner in the country.

In addition, pole vaulter Hayden

Clark is No. 11 nationally and Isaac Murphy is No. 12. Murphy is also tied for No. 17 in the long jump.

Even though Texas dropped two spots in the most recent U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll, the most important week on the calendar is the NCAA championship meet, and a number of individual athletes have the opportunity to book their tickets this weekend.

No. 10 Texas at Last Chance Meets
Date: Fri. - Sat.
Place: South Bend, Ind./ Fayetteville, Ark.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Team faces steep challenge in Illinois, looks to impress

By Alex Endress
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns travel to Illinois this weekend to face off against Northwestern University and the University of Illinois.

They look to sustain momentum they garnered at home, as they defeated both of their last two opponents, South Florida

and Arizona State in Austin.

At No. 24, Texas (4-3) is slowly gaining recognition by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. They have been on a roll since their 6-1 loss to Southern California in early February.

However, this weekend will be a sufficient test for the squad as they are facing a Northwestern team ranked No. 9 in the country. In the previous meeting on

April 10, 2010, the Longhorns topped Northwestern, ranked No.5 at the time, 6-1.

The Longhorns beat Illinois 7-0 their last time out in March 2007.

Aeriel Ellis (16) is the top-ranked singles player in the event, followed by Maria Mosolova of Northwestern (25).

Northwestern claims the top-ranked doubles team, with Lin-

da Abu Mushrefova and Nida Hamilton at No. 8, followed by Illinois's Rachael White and Allison Falkin at No. 9.

No. 24 Texas at No. 9 Northwestern/Illinois
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Place: Evanston, Ill./Champaign, Ill.



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Dad... don't look at me like that.

I know you hate comedy, but it's my true passion...

Please understand, Dad...

Dad?

DAD?!

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OMAR, LOOK! I THINK I SEE MUHAMMAD IN A PITA.

IS THAT WHAT MUHAMMAD LOOKS LIKE?

YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SURE.

by JEREMY JOHNSON

FALSE ALARM

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the monks and help new visitors, regardless of ethnicity, familiarize themselves.

As she stands in the temple kitchen chopping a watermelon she's sharing for lunch, Sanghataiaree's voice can be heard from the dining area. When Temprom and a younger monk, Venerable Raem Poon-nongwaeng, walks by, she pauses in her conversation to give them a jubilant greeting and "wai" — the Thai custom of greeting people with a small head bow and hands pressed together prayer-style.

Temprom has been head monk at the temple since it was established in April 1986. Wearing a mustard yellow robe draped around him, he walks with a slow gait and has the tan skin of a man who has spent many years in the sun.

Bespectacled with "Mad Men"-style glasses that would be considered vintage vogue now, Temprom smiles with easy grins and laughs with a gravelly but friendly lilt. He slips jokes in that could be missed and has an affinity for taking snapshots on a digital point-and-shoot camera.

A faded tattoo of hardly distinguishable writing can be seen on his right bicep — a monk master gave it to him as a symbol of protection and respect to Buddha when Temprom was 10 years old.

He is one of five monks who currently reside there. Born right before the onset of World War II in the rural town of Samut Songkhram near Bangkok, Temprom spent his childhood as a temple boy quietly ignoring the sounds of bombs. "Sometimes, I would go to the river, and I would see dead bodies floating by," Temprom recalled. "The adults pulled us away because they didn't want us to see. I was young then, and I didn't understand."

After the war, Temprom left his hometown to dabble in small businesses throughout Thailand.

After years of shopkeeping, a marriage, the birth of his son and a divorce, it wasn't until he was 39 that Temprom decided to become a monk. He wanted to discover what he describes as the essential in life.

"Selling things and buying a new pair of pants didn't make me happy," Temprom said. "I didn't care about what I was doing. After I made the decision, I've never been happier."

Monkhood is typically restricted to men, although there is a movement in Thailand pushing for acceptance of female monks. Some of the requirements to become a monk include being at least 20 years of age, debt-free and in good health. Monks also require new entrants to take a vow committing to monastery life and the pathway to enlightenment.

According to Theraveda Buddhism, suffering ends when craving ends. The perfect peace of mind, unaffected by suffering and boundaries, is called nirvana. Temprom's goal is to eventually achieve this.

At the temple, he follows a daily schedule of prayer at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Patrons bring home-cooked meals and fruit to the monks every day, typically letting the monks eat first as a sign of respect. On the weekends, Temprom leads a group prayer service after lunch.

The monks chant mantras in Pali, an Indo-European language used in early Buddhist scriptures.

Families also invite him for religious services. In a donated gold Honda van, Temprom and the other monks have traveled throughout Texas for weddings, funerals and to visit new homeowners who ask him to bless their homes.

In his free time, Temprom does chores, reads Buddhist texts and acts as a spiritual teacher. He eats only two meals a day, breakfast at 8 a.m. and lunch at 11 a.m. — common for Theraveda Buddhist monks.

"Hungry? Yes, I get hungry sometimes," Temprom said with an incredulous tone, as if to mean, "Hey, I'm only human." As he adjusted his robes, Temprom added with a sly grin, "But I can drink liquids after lunch, so that's what coffee and fruit smoothies are for."

But when asked if his disciplined lifestyle ever troubles him, Temprom said without hesitating, "Not really. I feel better now than I ever did before."

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and many of them said they were no longer riding with a political or social agenda in mind.

"Critical Mass was started a long time ago by older guys with very intense morals," said Boone Cruse, a regular cyclist in Critical Mass. "Over time, it has evolved into a bunch of kids who just like weaving through cars."

According to Elliott McFadden, editor and publisher of online cycling magazine Austin on Two Wheels, Critical Mass's decline in popularity is a good sign.

"I think Critical Mass's place is that you have to have some sort of rallying point at the early stages to get noticed and to give people a place to come together," McFadden said. "But as cycling culture develops, it's not needed as much anymore."

The growing popularity of cycling in Austin has led to the development of more mainstream social rides, which have drawn many of the community's less rebellious riders away from Critical Mass, McFadden said. The most popular of these is the Thursday Night Social Ride, which draws between two and three hundred people weekly and as many as 500 in the summertime.

Cruse, who has participated in Critical Mass for the last two and a half years, began attending because he wanted to learn more about tall bikes — a bike with multiple frames welded on top of each other — from other tall bikers in the ride. It is nerve-racking to see him maneuver between

lanes of traffic with his head bobbing three feet above car roofs and the other cyclists.

Risk was an integral part of last Friday's ride, in which the group competed with motorists for both Lavaca and Congress streets during rush hour. Riders ran red lights, filed between lanes of backed up traffic and drank cans of Lone Star beer during breaks in the ride.

McFadden said the drinking that goes on during Critical Mass and some of Austin's other social rides is understandable.

"Critical Mass is happening on a Friday evening. It's a bunch of young guys. People are going to be drinking whether there's a bicycle there or not, and I don't think it's anything particular to the bicycle," he said.

Lieutenant David Ortiz with the Austin Police Department said there have not been problems with Critical Mass riders drinking and biking since he began working for downtown patrol operations a year ago.

"In the last year, they have behaved themselves for the most part, and we have not had any issues with them," Ortiz said.

While McFadden sees Critical Mass as a valuable part of cycling's development in Austin, some, such as cycling enthusiast Todd Dwyer, are flatly opposed to the movement.

"Their tactics turn off a bunch of people who might otherwise be supportive of the cycling community," Dwyer said. "We should be encouraging motorists to get

on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling, not setting them against us."

Although Critical Mass attendance has declined in Austin recently, its popularity persists nationally. Dave Smith, editor and proprietor of *stopcriticalmass.com* based out of San Diego, said Critical Mass in San Diego attracts between 600 and 700 people monthly, and masses in Los Angeles and San Francisco regularly draw upwards of 1,200 riders. "We're blocking traffic. We are traffic!" is a slogan often used by critical mass riders across the nation. Smith said the phrase is hypocritical.

"They choose to block traffic, clog intersections and drink while riding," Smith said. "These actions wouldn't fly if it were a group of motorists or even pedestrians."

However, Ortiz disagreed with this sentiment, saying cyclists in Austin's Critical Mass are compliant.

"They're not breaking traffic laws or causing problems intentionally," he said.

Joking around with his group of friends from the Liberal Arts and Science Academy during a break in the ride Friday night, 18-year-old high school student Jim Phillips seemed less than concerned with the big-picture controversies that activists, such as Dave Smith, involve themselves in.

"For the kids out here, it's not about protest," Phillips said. "It's about hanging out on a Friday when there's nothing to do. It's fun. It's a small mobile riot"

Ad agency interns give voice to New York City's homeless

By **Allistair Pinsof**
 Daily Texan Staff

"Do something good, famously," were the guidelines given to three New York interns at Bartle Bogle Hegarty advertising agency earlier this year. In response, the interns

was to change stereotypes of homeless people by giving them a voice. Once they had a platform and audience to relate who they really are, you see they are coherent. They aren't drug addicts or mentally unstable. They just found themselves in these situations because of events out of their control.



Derrick
 @awitness2011

Editor's note: The following Tweets are excerpts from six consecutive Tweets on Feb. 22.

I overheard a conversation concerning a woman in her 30's who froze to death on a church steps. It grieved me, with all the resources at our disposal how could this happen? ...I will work on becoming more aware of the people around me.

DT: How did they initially react when you gave them a cell phone?

Rosemary Melchior: I think they were excited. They didn't know what Twitter was. One of them wanted to tell stories but

thought no one would listen.

DT: How many people offer these guys food, a job or a place to live?

R.W.: Part of what inspired our idea initially was that people don't interact with homeless... The great thing about using Twitter for this demographic is that it creates a kind of trust between people and homeless communities. It removes barriers.

The Daily Texan: They all seem like nice, mentally capable guys who had a bad stroke of luck. Was it important to have relatable Twitter posters?

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

The 76-year-old monk Venerable Bancha Temprom eats his only large meal of the day before noon at Wat Buddhnanachat, a Thai Theravada Buddhist temple in Del Valle. The Thai-born head monk, with a sense of humor and affinity for digital cameras, has been a monk for 37 years.

Editor's note: Portions of this interview were translated from Thai.

The 76-year-old head monk Venerable Bancha Temprom sits cross-legged on a golden-colored mat, eyes closed as he chants mantras. About 20 people in prayer, mostly Thai and mostly women, sit before him repeating the mantras. A couple new to the scene watches curiously, but it isn't the first and probably won't be the last intrigued couple to come wandering into the prayer room.

It's Sunday at Wat Buddhnanachat, a Thai Theravada Buddhist temple in Del Valle just south of Austin. The doors to the yellow building remain open any day, any time of the week. The monks don't turn people away. Even abandoned dogs have a place to go, lounging outside.

The "wat," which means temple in Thai, is the closest of its kind to Austin that serves local Thai people. Laotians make up the next highest nationality of attendants.

"This is the only place Thai people can get together," said Penny Sanghatai-aree, an attendee of the temple. "It's the center of the community."

She comes almost every week to do yard work at the temple, bring lunch to

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Cyclists take over streets, support equal bike rights

By Clayton Wickham
Daily Texan Staff

WHAT: Critical Mass Cycling Ride

WHERE: Starts at UT West Mall

WHEN: 5 p.m. on the last Friday of every month

At the start of the Critical Mass cycling ride last Friday, a biker edged his front wheel out into Guadalupe Street in the face of oncoming traffic and claimed the road, while a mob of riders cheered and whooped from behind. "Let's ride bikes!" someone screamed, as the mass of riders on road bikes, single-speed bikes and tricked out stunt bikes poured onto the crosswalk by West Mall, heading downtown.

When it started in 1993, Austin Critical Mass was rooted in the same principals as the first Critical Mass that started in San Francisco a year earlier. It was a way for bikers to reclaim the streets on the last Friday of every month while

raising awareness about their equal right to the road. Since its conception, the ride has become a monthly occurrence in more than 300 cities worldwide.

In recent years, however, monthly attendance for Austin Critical Mass has declined. Where it regularly drew 200 to 300 riders three years ago, now masses usually draw about 50. Only about 60 riders were present last Friday,

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A bicyclist participating in a Halloween-themed version of Critical Mass pops a wheelie while wearing a tutu. In recent months, the ride has seen a decline in popularity.

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By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert

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